

**REGULAR AGENDA MEETING**  
**Mayor and Council**  
**Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey**  
**February 8, 2021**

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**MEETING MOVED TO ELECTRONIC PLATFORM**  
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Topic: Mayor and Council Regular Agenda Meeting  
Time: Feb 8, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Formal Action may or may not be taken.

Any other business that may come before the Council

**(PAH) Call Meeting to Order****Time: 7:01pm****Mayor's Announcement:**

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD and SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

**(ALB) Roll Call:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x	
EVANELLA (GE)	x	
WALKER (DW)	x	
BROCKMAN (JB)		x
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
CHUNG (JC)	x	

**Also present:****Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, CMC, RMC, CMR Admin.****Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO, CTC (KJT)****Mr. John R. Dineen, Borough Attorney (JRD)****(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-**

All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.

**Consent Approval Items: A-G****A 2021-43 Green Team Continued Support for Sustainable NJ Application****B 2021-44 Amended Change Order NJDOT LaRoche Avenue Improvements****C 2021-45 Partial Refund of Building Department Permit Fees****D 2021-46 Bergen County Mosquito Control Division****E 2021-47 Resolution of the Borough of Harrington Park Providing for the Hosting of the Farmers Market and the Use of Borough Property****F 2021-48 Resolution of the Borough of Harrington Park Providing AT&T with Access to the Borough Power Supply While Upgrading the Cell Tower Located on Borough Property****G 2021-49 Resolution of the Borough of Harrington Park Providing for Repayment of Taxes for Block 1017 Lot 10 and Directing Tax Assessor to Adjust the Tax Rolls to Show that Property Owner is a 100% Disabled Veteran****Motion: JP****Second: GE**

Discussion: GE noted that the home on North Colonial Drive that has had the solar panels installed has a very sleek look. GE spoke with the contractor and explained that he learned that

this type of system not only collects the rays but is an actual roof system. He recommended that Council should drive by and take a look at this very interesting project.

**Vote: AIF**

### **Individual Committee Reports**

#### **(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher**

The residents on Deal Street seem to be satisfied with the attention given to their neighborhood during the last storm. Only current problem is that vehicles parked in the roadway from a home construction project do hamper the ability to provide additional clearing of snow and ice.

#### **(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance**

Fire Department:

11 calls, 2 drills, 1 of each Chief, Officers, Interboro and Company meetings

Attended an Allegro planning meeting, training and walk though.

AN inquired about and invoice for the second truck that has been ordered. KJT stated that it is in the works and he is waiting to receive the PO back from the manufacturer.

#### **(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel**

Update of the December Police report which should have included the following:

Issued 6 summonses YTD-173

1 Written warning-YTD 55

2663 miles driven YTD 37,342 miles

#### **(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling**

DW complimented Steve Nappi and the DPW crew for their hard work and attention to cleaning and clearing snow throughout the Borough and County roads.

There was some disparity between the school and the DPW on which equipment and services are shared. DW and JC will discuss further and determine some outcome. Both entities have new people in charge and some past practice and expectations are unclear.

DPW committee reached out to one of the past candidates that were interviewed to fill and unexpected opening on the Department. However, that applicant has taken another position and is no longer available. Concurrently, an employment ad has provided 13 application. DW inquired to JRD is the committee needs to interview all, or just those that meet the requirement for the Borough. JRD advised only those determined to be qualified by the hiring committee.

#### **(JB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission**

#### **(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants**

Finance Committee is currently working on the budget for 2021

#### **(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information**

JC noted that the recent storms have definitely impacted our school and community. The area of shared service with the school is unclear. ALB and KJT noted that there no official shared service agreements on file in either office. ALB only has documentation for the filing of Safe Streets to Schools program.

Harrington Park has a new DPW Superintendent and the school has someone new in charge of their building and grounds. The main area of contention is who is determined to clear drop off area on the Lynn Street side of school. This will be determined by further discussion. However, Mr. Nappi went over the area of discussion and cleared in out in a matter of hours.

**(JRD) Borough Attorney**

JRD discussed the parameters of George Street Park and that it is open to the public under the auspices of Green Acres and Open Space. Residents and non-residents are permitted to use these grounds, by following protocols that are put in place by the Borough. These protocols may include restrictions on skating time, placement of nets, and organized play. However, no blanket exclusions may be placed on the location. JC added that this matter will be discussed at the next Recreation meeting to encumber this activity/area of the park under their oversight.

**(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator**

**Next meeting is on Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

**Second reading Ordinance #750 AMENDING THE ORDINANCE  
REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED  
OCCUPANCY FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF TITLE OF ANY  
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITH MORE THAN 2 LIVING UNITS**

**Reminder-Elected Officials Training**

**(KJT) CFO/TAX Collector**

Finance has been working on 1099s and closing the 2020 year.

**Old Business:**

**(PAH) Riverside Cooperative Road Choice Amendment**

There is the possibility of changing roads for paving on the recommendation of the DPW Superintendent and the CFO (for funding). Consideration was asked for Norma Road and Dora Street. Neglia Engineering has been requested to provide calculations which will be sent out for review of Council.

PAH advised Council of his email with the RCCO codes from neighboring towns with the consideration, once reviewed, to hold on adoption of the Ordinance until the new personnel are hired.

GE was in agreement and Council will take all under consideration at the February 16, 2021 meeting.

(AN) He has received several applications for the Building Department and will be setting up interview within the next week. He has been relying heavily on Mr. Zavardino to help identify qualified candidates. AN goal is to appoint someone by the end of February.

**New Business:**

(AN) Fire Hydrants

With the accumulated snow it has been difficult for the Fire Department to ensure that all hydrants are cleared out after a storm. Most markers are missing and he would like to have them replaced. It can be difficult for professionals and homeowners to find the hydrants or even dig them out.

A definitive plan should be put in place for enforcement and responsibility.

Currently social media and Swiftreach has helped.

ALB reviewed the code book and noted Ordinance 297.

This will have to be reviewed and perhaps tightened to clearly include the responsibility of clearing out fire hydrants.

An awareness campaign along with an Adopt a Hydrant program should be developed.

(JC) Additional discussion regarding parking and plowing by the School continued to help understand the relationship between the Borough and the School rearing the parking spaces on Lynn Street from Glenn Avenue to Hackensack Avenue.

JRD advised that perhaps JC should have a candid discussion with Dr. Fried that the Borough has provided a variety of services for the School in good faith that there would be a collective measure for maintenance. The Borough helped the school with the funds to provide the parking in the location of discussion, and in return the school should possibly help with the maintenance of them. Our DPW is responsible to help the whole town, and services need to be shared accordingly. If the conversation is not fruitful, JRD will step in and start a legal discussion on behalf of the Borough.

JC would like something in place that determines what the school can request. It is her understanding that the salt amounts are for the school lots, however, they need much more now since they are also maintaining the parking lot at the Community Church where they are currently renting space. This adversely affects our ordered amount that we rely on for our municipal roads.

DW and JC will discuss the best manner to move forward for both the school and the DPW.

George Street Park

Historically, there has been no involvement from the Recreation Commission pertaining to the skating pond. There is no protocol in place. Due to the recent weather, there have been several residents that have unofficially become care takers of the pond. While this is a positive venture to have such help, there is still a need for oversight to ensure that all are safe when skating and that no one is at risk for injury.

Currently, there is discussion of taking this positive effort and creating an Ad-Hoc committee under the coverage of Recreation to eliminate any unnecessary liability. The

ad-hoc would help determine curfew times, management, designate responsibility and address any other needs.

The Borough risk manager has been contacted and he provided a series of recommendation that should be incorporated.

DW was informed by Mr. Nappi that the “No Skating” signs were used in the past for Pondside Park.

DW and JC will discuss how to get out correct information to the public regarding skating conditions at George Street.

**Ordinances:**

**Motion to Open to the General Public GE  
Second JP  
Vote AIF**

**No Public**

**Motion to Close to the General Public GE  
Second JP  
Vote AIF**

**GE noted that he is going to defer his discussion for Closed Session until the February 16, 2021 meeting when there is a better chance for a full Council. He requested that ALB advise the Chief that discussion will commence at that time.**

**(PAH) Motion for Closed Session Time:  
Second  
Vote**

**RESOLUTION**

~~**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and~~

~~**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.~~

~~(GE) Personnel Police Chief Contract~~

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.~~

~~**Return to Open Session**~~

**Adjournment-Time: 7:52pm**

**Motion: GE**

**Second: JP**

**AIF**

**Addendum A  
Resolution  
2021-43**

**GREEN TEAM CONTINUED SUPPORT For Sustainable NJ Application**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park created the Harrington Park Green Team Ad-Hoc Committee on October 7, 2009, and

**WHEREAS**, this committee's membership includes the Mayor, the Environmental Commission, the Borough Planner and 10 residents, and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Team is an advisory board to the Environmental Commission.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Green Team has been formed to develop strategies that will reduce the impact on the environment in the pursuit of obtaining Sustainable New Jersey Certification for the Borough of Harrington Park.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of Harrington Park are deeply appreciative and supportive of the achievements, benefits and support that the Green Team provides for the residents and employees of the Borough of Harrington Park in their endeavor of the their application for recertification of Sustainable New Jersey 2021.

**Addendum B  
2021-44  
Amended Change Order  
NJDOT LaRoche Avenue Improvements**

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park of Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that the Change Order for the Contract listed below be and is hereby approved.

**TITLE OF JOB:**            LaRoche Avenue Roadway Improvements (NJDOT Funded)

**CONTRACTOR:**        Frank Macchione Construction, Inc. 141 Central Avenue, Rochelle Park



**CHANGE ORDER No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT OF CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION:** -\$11,682.53 (8.20% Decrease)

This Resolution to take effect upon certification by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Certified:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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I, Ann Bistriz, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Harrington Park, Bergen County, New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_.

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**Addendum C  
Resolution  
2021-45**

**Partial Refund of Building Department Permit Fees**

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of homeowner Gregory Pearson, 24 N. Colonial Drive B115 L4, Tesla Energy Operations is requesting a partial refund of Building Permit 2020/083; and

**WHEREAS**, Tesla Energy Operations had included two Sub Panels as part of the initial permit, and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that these panels will not be installed as part of this construction.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park will grant the refund of \$200 to Tesla Energy Operations, 15 Tarkett Drive, Unit 4, New Windsor, New York 12553, which is the associated amount of the sub panels that have been eliminated from the construction project.

**Addendum D  
Resolution  
2021-46**

**Bergen County Mosquito Control Division**

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division conducts aerial spraying for mosquito larvae during breeding month; and

WHEREAS, by law the division must be granted permission by the Borough of Harrington Park for the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division to aerial spray for mosquito larvae during the summer months of 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Harrington Park Board of Health's request of prior notification of spraying as to the date(s), hour and location, so residents may take precautions as they seem fit, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has beehives at the back area of Highland Field (Tappan Road) mulch pile and tree bank, and all precautions shall be taken to preserve the hive and bee's health and safety.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Harrington Park permits the Bergen County Mosquito Control Division conducts aerial spraying where necessary within the municipality.

#### **Addendum E**

**2021-47**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK PROVIDING FOR THE HOSTING OF THE FARMERS MARKET AND THE USE OF BOROUGH PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park has in the past and desires in the future to host a FARMERS MARKET using Highland Park lower basketball court and fields to the right and the left of such location, and the Borough endorsement.

WHEREAS, the hosting of the FARMERS MARKET is in the best interest of the community as a whole and provides for the health welfare and safety of all its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Borough shall host and endorse a FARMERS MARKET on the Sunday dates of August 15, 2021 through October 31, 2021.

FURTHERMORE that such FARMERS MARKET be conducted consistent with all prior protocols and requirements that the Borough has previously established and/or such additional protocols as may deem to be necessary for the safe and efficient conduct of such market. Furthermore, such authorized personnel are hereby entrusted and directed to take such action as necessary to establish the conduct of such market.

#### **Addendum F**

**2021-48**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK  
PROVIDING AT&T WITH ACCESS TO THE BOROUGH POWER SUPPLY  
WHILE UPGRADING THE CELL TOWER LOCATED ON BOROUGH PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to bid, AT&T was the successful bidder to upgrade the Cell Tower located on Borough property, referenced as the DPW site;

WHEREAS, AT&T is in need of an electrical power supply to continue its upgrade of the Tower and pending the installation of their own separate power supply as required;

WHEREAS, AT&T has requested that the Borough of Harrington Park allow them access to the Borough power supply available at the site and providing that they will escrow \$250 as sufficient funds to reimburse the Borough;

WHEREAS, if the need for additional electric power supply exceed this amount, additional funds will be made available to the Borough of Harrington Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that the progress of an upgrade of this tower is conducive to the health and welfare of the community at large;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the CFO or such other authorized person shall accept such tender of escrow and shall cooperate in such manner as necessary to allow AT&T access to the Borough electrical power at the site.

**Addendum G**

**2021-49**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK  
PROVIDING FOR REPAYMENT OF TAXES FOR BLOCK 1017 LOT 10  
AND DIRECTING TAX ASSESSOR TO ADJUST THE TAX ROLLS TO SHOW THAT  
PROPERTY OWNER IS A 100% DISABLED VETERAN**

WHEREAS, the owner of property at 11 Kohring Cir., Block 1017 Lot 10, Mr. Howe, has made application seeking an exemption for payment of real estate taxes due to the fact that he is a 100% permanently disabled veteran. Review of his application, military discharge papers showing his service record, honorable discharge status and his award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs certifying him as permanently disabled due to his military service reveals that Mr. Howe is entitled to such exemption;

WHEREAS, the tax assessor has reviewed the appropriate documents and determines that the same are complete and true and finds that this application is approved.

WHEREAS, COVID 19 has delayed the ability to review the documents and as a result this determination shall be retroactive to March 20, 2020 for all payments made to date;

WHEREAS further the CFO has certified that the amount of taxes to be canceled is \$10127.94

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that taxes for Block 1017 Lot 10 in the amount of \$10,127.94 are hereby canceled and directs that a refund be issued. Further the Tax Assessor and such other authorized individual shall take any and all such necessary action to classify the property in question, exempt from taxes going forward until such time as the disability is abated or the property is transferred.